



PASSAGES: John 18:15-18, 25-27

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, ¹⁶ but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." ¹⁸ It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

²⁵ Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Start talking.

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is your relationship with failure?

Start thinking.

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- **Read: John 18:15-18:** Has there been a time in your life when the fear of failure has caused you to avoid going after or doing something you wanted?

Start sharing.

Choose a question to create openness.

- **Read: John 18:25-27:** We know that Peter's failure was not final, and we have the same hope in our own failures. After hearing Peter's story, how can you move forward in handling your future failures?
- Failure and shame want to isolate us. Pastor Andrea shared two practical ways to handle these- keep close to your friends in Christ and unfriend perfection. How can you personally live these out?

Start praying.

Be bold and pray with power.

- *Share what God is doing in you or a prayer request + pray together*

Start doing.

Commit to steps and live it out this week.

- **Read + Meditate:** Romans 8
- **Reflect:** Pastor Andrea said, "Remember, your failure is not nothing, but it's definitely not everything." Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He has the final say.
- **Do:** When reflecting on past failures or walking through a current failure, ask him to help you change the way you view failure. Walk out in that new freedom this week.